

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5, 10, and 12; cancel claim 6-9 and 13-15; and add claims 19-21, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A baking tray for baking food on a stick or skewer, the baking tray comprising:

a generally planar, horizontal base;
a generally angled support attached to one side of the base such that the support is elevated above the base and is inclined with respect to the base; and
at least one aperture on the support and spaced vertically from the base for inserting a straight stick or skewer, the aperture being positioned and configured with respect to the base to support food on the stick or skewer that is inserted into the aperture so that the stick or skewer is elevated above the base and generally horizontal and parallel to the base and the food is suspended in air and is not in contact with any surface of the baking tray.

2. (Original) The baking tray of claim 1 wherein the baking tray is comprised of an oven-proof material.

3. (Original) The baking tray of claim 2 wherein the baking tray is used in an oven.

4. (Original) The baking tray of claim 1 wherein the baking tray is used in a microwave oven.

5. (Currently amended) The baking tray of claim 1 wherein the support forms an inverted triangular V-shape having two inclined sloped sides forming an apex at an upper end, and the apertures are located on at least one of the sloped sides.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A device for supporting food on a stick or skewer during cooking, the device comprising:

a generally horizontal base; and

a support extending upward at an inclined angle from the base and including at least one aperture on the support and spaced vertically from the base for receiving a first end of a stick or skewer carrying food on a second end, and supporting the stick or skewer and the food in a cantilevered fashion so that the food is not in contact with a heated surface during cooking.

11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the base and the support are comprised of an oven-proof material.

12. (Currently amended) The device of claim 10, wherein the support forms an inverted ~~triangular~~ V-shape having two inclined sloped sides forming an apex at an upper end, and the apertures are located on at least one of the sloped sides.

13-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the support is positioned to support the food generally parallel to the base.

17. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the support is positioned to support the food above the base.

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the support includes a plurality of apertures spaced from one another to support a plurality of sticks or skewers carrying food generally parallel to one another.

19. (New) A baking tray for baking food on a stick or skewer, the baking tray comprising:
a generally planar, horizontal base;
a first planar surface extending from the base and inclined with respect to the base and having at least one aperture spaced vertically from the base and positioned and configured to receive a stick or skewer and further configured to support food on the stick or skewer so that the food is not in contact with any surface of the baking tray; and
a second planar surface extending from the first planar surface, wherein the first and second planar surfaces form an inverted V-shape.

20. (New) The baking tray of claim 19, wherein the second planar surface has at least one aperture configured to receive a stick or skewer and configured to support food on the stick or skewer so that the food is not in contact with any surface of the baking tray.

21. (New) The baking tray of claim 20, wherein the apertures of the first and second planar surfaces are positioned and configured to receive and support the stick or skewer in a generally horizontal position and parallel to and above the base.